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| In re the application of |) | Examiner: W. Lewis |
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| Inventors: Lilip Lau, William M. Hartigan |) | Art Unit 3734 |
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| Serial Number: 09/312,428 |) | |
| |) | Docket No. ACS 50716 |
| Filed: May 14, 1999 |) | |
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| For: STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM |) | June 18, 1999 |

RESPONSE RE NOTICE TO FILEMISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted, mailed June 8, 1999 (copy attached), Applicants refer the Examiner to the Preliminary Amendment filed May 14, 1999. As set forth in the Remarks section of the Preliminary Amendment, inventorship in Lilip Lau and William M. Hartigan is believed to be correct. Specifically, the subject matter of the claims is fully supported by the

originally filed application, namely, U.S. Serial No. 07/647,464 filed January 28, 1999, in which inventors Lilip Lau and William M. Hartigan were the named inventors.

Subsequently, a continuation-in-part application (U.S. Serial No. 08/085,959) was filed in which a third inventor, Farhad Khosravi, was added as an inventor. Since the subject matter of the present claims is supported by the original application naming Messrs. Lau and Hartigan as inventors, Mr. Khosravi is not a named inventor on the present application. It is believed that no correction of inventorship is necessary under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b), however, if the Examiner feels that inventorship correction is required, Applicants will file the necessary petition to correct inventorship.

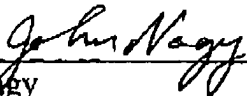
Further, inventors Kurt R. Klemm and Ulrich Sigwart are not inventors of any of the claims pending in the application. Applicants' attorney filed copies of declarations with this application that were declarations submitted in the continuation-in-part application from which priority is claimed.

Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith copies of the Declaration and Power of Attorney for inventors Lilip Lau and William M. Hartigan that were filed in connection with the originally filed application, U.S. Serial No. 07/647,464 filed January 28, 1999.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$130 for the large entity surcharge.
Please credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees in this matter to our Deposit
Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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